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DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government in last five years to provide clean drinking water and sanitary facilities to rural population;

(b) the increase in percentage of household with clean drinking water facility and sanitary facilities in the year 2005 and in 2010;

(c) the funds allocated to Non-Governmental Organisations(NGOs) and total amount for various schemes to provide drinking water and sanitary facilities in last five years; and

(d) the total number of rural household benefited from these schemes and the improvement so far in the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MS. AGATHA SANGMA)

(a): Government of India administers the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), a comprehensive programme started in the year 1999 to ensure sanitation facilities in rural areas with the main objective of eradicating the practice of open defecation and ensuring clean environment. It is a demand driven, project-based programme taking district as a unit. The main components under the programme are incentives for Individual Household Latrines (IHHL), School Sanitation and Hygiene Education (SSHE), assistance for Community Sanitary Complex, Anganwadi toilets and Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM).

Rural drinking water supply is a State subject and State Governments/ its agencies are primarily responsible for water supply in rural areas. However, Government of India supplements the efforts of the States by providing financial assistance under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) [erstwhile Accelerated Rural Drinking Water Programme (ARWSP)]. To ensure availability of potable drinking water in all rural habitations within a timeframe, rural drinking water has been included as one of the components under Bharat Nirman. Under Bharat Nirman as on 20.7.2010, 54693 uncovered habitations, 487713 slipped back habitations and 84473 quality affected habitations have been covered with provision of safe drinking water.

However, at the end of Bharat Nirman Phase-I i.e. 31.3.2009, States reported that there were 627 un-covered and 1,79,999 quality-affected habitations remaining to be covered. These habitations are proposed to be covered during Bharat Nirman Phase-II.

To ensure that the remaining targeted habitations are covered during the Bharat Nirman Phase-II, State Governments have been requested to prepare Annual Action Plans, to cover un-covered and quality-affected habitations on priority and also mark the targeted habitations in the online Integrated Management Information System (IMIS). To achieve the targets laid down since the launch of Bharat Nirman, the allocation of funds for rural drinking water have been increased substantially from Rs. 2,585 crore in th year 2004-05 i.e. year preceding the launch of Bharat Nirman to Rs. 9,000 crore in 2010-11.

(b): Sanitation Coverage of rural households in 2005-06 was 32.02% and increased to 65.36% in 2010. The percentage of rural habitations covered with potable drinking water in 2005 was 81.9% (12,35,314 out of 15,07,349)and increased to90.6% (15,05,276 out of 16,61,058) in 2010.

(c): There is no provision for release of funds to NGOs under TSC. However, funds released to the project districts during last five years under TSC is as under

Year	Fund release to states by GoI (Rs. in crore)
2005-06	592.32
2006-07	720.97
2007-08	909.13

2008-09 980.13

2009-10 1038.85

No funds are allocated to Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs) for implementing rural drinking water schemes by the Government of India under NRDWP. The total allocation, release and expenditure under NRDWP in the last five years is placed at Annexure I.

(d): No. of Households benefited during last five years under TSC

Year Individual household latrines constructed

2005-06 91.71 lakh

2006-07 97.00 lakh

2007-08 115.27 lakh

2008-09 112.67 lakh

2009-10 124.78 lakh

The total number of habitations covered under the NRDWP in the last 5 years is at Annexure II.